

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 489

By Faulk

A RESOLUTION to honor the members of the Volunteer High School marching band upon their victories in the 2011 U.S. Scholastic Band Association Tennessee State Championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting for this General Assembly to honor those students whose proficiency in an art, craft, or trade has garnered them accolades and recognition; and

WHEREAS, the art of creating music has long been an important part of humanity, serving as a voice for those traits that make us truly human, preserving our history, and forging bridges between diverse cultures; and

WHEREAS, recognition should be given to this State's young musicians for their brilliant musical skills and their ability to work together as a marching band; and

WHEREAS, the extraordinary work and dedication of the young men and women of the Volunteer High School (VHS) marching band helped them win first place in four categories at the 2011 U.S. Scholastic Band Association Tennessee State Championship at Tennessee Tech in Cookeville; and

WHEREAS, of the 22 high school marching bands that competed in the statewide contest, the 103 members of the Volunteer Falcon marchers finished eighth overall, earning first in class in the music, visual, general effect, and color guard categories. And ending the band's already stellar 2011 season on an incredibly high note; and

WHEREAS, some of the band's season highlights included winning first in class at a competition at Enka High School in Chandler, North Carolina; earning "Band of the Day" at a competition held at George Wythe High School in Wythville, Virginia; and making the finals for the first time in the highly competitive Tournament of Champions at Western Carolina University; and

WHEREAS, the Falcon marchers have gained notoriety in recent years as well, with appearances at the 2007 Sugar Bowl and the 2010 Outback Bowl; and

WHEREAS, the VHS marching band has been successful in competitions and has enjoyed a season of superb performances; the perennial dedication of members, parents, local music educators, and the community has proven fruitful and fulfilling for the Falcon marchers and has given continuity to the tradition of excellence for which Volunteer High School is known; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should pay tribute to these remarkable student-musicians, both individually and collectively, for their hard work and innumerable accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and honor the members of the Volunteer High School marching band on a highly successful year of performances and competitions, congratulate them on their victories in the 2011 U.S. Scholastic Band Association Tennessee State Championship, and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.